Income from toddy sales in Malabar district.

740 Q.— Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state how much income was derived from toddy sales in the different taluks of the Malabar district for the last three years ?

A.—The information available is furnished below :—

	Rentals fetched in 1920–21.	Rentals fetched in 1921–22.
	RS.	RS.
Municipalities—		
Cannanore	19,200	26,940
Tellicherry	12,852	9,396
Calicut	42,600	49,680
Palghat	10,992	11,148
Cochin	21,432	22,464
Non-municipal areas—		
Chirakkal taluk	97,404	90,132
Kottayam ,, ...	38,922	33,996
Kurumbranad ,, ...	29,172	23,412
Calicut ,, ...	47,883	42,780
Ernad ,, ...	33,942	34,731
Walavanad ,, ...	39,324	36,579
Palghat ,, ...	44,394	41,598
Ponnani ,, ...	48,678	40,206
Cochin ,, ...	1,404	1,668

Figures for 1922–23 are not yet available.

Work of lecturers in Government second-grade colleges.

741 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib ; Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many periods in a week the lecturers in Government second-grade colleges have to teach ?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.

Mappilla train tragedy.

742 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Home Member and the Law Member be pleased to state—

(i) whether competent legal opinion was consulted before Sergeant Andrews and others (concerned in the Mappilla train tragedy) were prosecuted ;

(ii) the amount of money incurred in the case as expenses including travelling allowances of officers attending the case ;

(iii) whether any other course of action is under contemplation in regard to these cases ; and

(iv) whether the Government would lay the whole correspondence on the table ?

A.—(i) Yes.

(ii), (iii) & (iv) The Government can give no further information.

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Mr. K. Prabhakaran Tampan :—" May I request the Government to point to any agency which will be in possession of the information ? We can look for the information from that source ? "

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" I do not quite follow what the hon. Member's request is. The Government will try to give any further information that the hon. Member wants."

Mr. M. Ratnaswami :—" Is the expenditure so great that the Government cannot call for the information ? "

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" I have no idea of what the expenditure was. I think it is not worth while to know the amount of money incurred under travelling allowances to police officers and so on. I have no objection to call for that any how."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to lay the information on the table after he gets it from the department concerned ? "

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" I understand my hon. friend wants information under clause (2) of the question. I have no objection to call for it and furnish it to the House."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" May I point out that the answer that the Government can give no further information has no application to part 4 of the question ? "

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" The answer to that part is that the Government will not lay the correspondence on the table."

Destruction of cotton crop in the Salem district.

743 *Q.*—Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar : With reference to question No. 302 and the answer thereto, dated the 5th August 1921, regarding the orders for the destruction of the cotton crop, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the names of villages to which the concession of extension was made in Salem district ?

A.—The extension of time referred to in answer to question No. 302 was only in respect of certain villages in the Coimbatore district. The concession was not extended to any village in Salem. It may however be mentioned for the information of the hon. Member that the date of removal of the crops was postponed in 1922 from 1st August to 1st September in respect of the entire area in Salem to which the Act has been applied.

Barur tank project.

744 *Q.*—Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar : With reference to question No. 923 and the reply thereto, dated the 15th November 1921, regarding Barur tank project, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether final orders have yet been passed with regard to Barur tank project ?

A.—No. Certain remedial measures proposed recently by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation are being investigated in detail.